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OUR NEW FARM, III.

FIXING THINGS UP A LITTLE.

The next Monday we all went down again to the farm. We found Mr. Janney had already got notice that the farm was sold, and he was about ready to start for Baltimore, the former owner having another place for him.

He said:

"You've got a nice farm. It's worth five times what you give for it. Mr. Samp never was here and he don't know what he has sold for a song. That land will grow almost anything if you manure it."

I said:

"I hope it will be a good piece of ground, for I know very little as yet about farming."

Then he commenced to laugh real pleased like and said:

"Well, I couldn't discourage you about buying it much last week. I judge you know something about it. It's the easiest farm I ever worked, and I have been on a sight of farms in my life."

After a lot more talk in which Mrs. Janney and all of us took part, we told them we wanted to fix up a little before we moved, and we asked Mrs. Janney especially about the house. This seemed to please her right smart and she livened up considerable; for at first she had seemed a little despondent I, thought.

After that, it wasn't long before I saw her and my wife and my girl trapesing around the house and laughing and talking as familiarly as if they were old friends. I thought it did them all good, and I know it did me good. And when dinner time drew nigh, my wife and my daughter joined Mrs. Janney and helped get dinner and set the table and the meal was a real happy meal.

Mr. Janney had a horse and cow, I had bought all the tools belonging to the farm as part of the purchase—and Mrs. Janney had about thirty chickens, and during the



meal I agreed to take these, if they suited me, at a fair value. This added to the general good feeling.

After dinner, sitting out on the porch, we discussed about painting, and such like things.

My wife said:

"First of all I want all the buildings painted, so that it will look more cheerful to everyone."

My daughter said:

"First of all I would pull down that old fence in front there and put up a decent one."

Then Mrs. Janney said:

"Mr. Samp was going to do that, and you will find all the pickets on the barn floor, and all the lumber; but he didn't send any money for the nails and my husband hadn't cut the posts. So, it will not take long to have the front fence all right. I judge Mr. Samp thinks the front fence is all up now."

Then turning to my wife she said:

"The house might be painted, to be sure; but the barn and sheds will look just as well if they are whitewashed and won't cost but little."

And my wife said:

"Do they whitewash such large buildings?"

And then she remembered herself and laughed, and we all had a hearty laugh, and were a right jolly set for a minute or two over this forgetfulness of my wife; for of course she knew that barns were often whitewashed.

Then I left them and walked over to my nearest neighbor's, for Mr. Janney said I could there get someone to whitewash, as a colored man was on the lower part of that farm who did all these odd jobs.

I had a very pleasant call, and one of the boys went down and brought up the colored man, and I bargained with him to whitewash the barn and sheds and some of the rooms in the house, and told him I would have considerable work for him if he satisfied me; and I was not hard to be satisfied.

He said he hadn't much to do just then and would like a job right well; so I gave him a dollar and told him to get some lime, and mix it with plenty of skim milk and some salt. He grinned about the skim milk; but I told him, it made it almost as good as paint; and he rolled up the whites of his eyes as if he had never heard of such a thing and said he would get it of Mr. Janney.

My wife and my girl had brought down a lot of flower seeds and were busy digging in those bare patches in front of the house while I was talking with the white-washer; so I walked over where they were at work. I got a spade and dug up a pretty good sized piece, and it got me pretty warm doing it. And they put in the ground some Asters and Zinnia seed and marked the place with some chips on which I wrote the names.

My wife said:

"I like good double Zinnias for boquets, about as well as any of the common flowers; and then I like Asters and Chrysanthemums and all other flowers, when I can't get plenty of roses."

My daughter said:

"I am going to dig in this dirt every time I get a chance all summer, after we get here; and we've got to have flowers all the time, summer and winter."

As for me, I said:

"If I can, I'll spade up all the ground you want for flowers, and when I can't do it myself, I'll get some one to do it for you."

You see, everything was new and fresh then and I felt like promising almost anything, and I have kept my promise pretty well, too, in respect to the flowers. We've always managed to have a pretty good assortment for our own use, and so that any of our friends could gather what they might want and not fear but what we would have enough left for ourselves. And it has been a pleasant part of the happiness of my wife, and my girl—and of me, myself, too, for that matter. I have always believed in working and spending for real solid pleasure, and flowers bring about as much pleasure, unalloyed with any draw-back, as any one thing I know of.

I went over to the barn to see about those pickets, and found about four hundred there. They were good pickets, planed and sharpened; but the stringers were rough, and no posts. Mr. Janney had about a week on the place yet, so I asked him to cut me some chestnut posts; but he said I could get them, seasoned and barked, very cheaply from Mr. Camden, one of our neighbors—and I let the matter go by for the present.

Then I called the colored man and said "Now, Charley, I want you after you get through white-washing, if I am not here, to dig some holes for the front fence posts. And I want the gate over there."

I pointed about twenty feet to the left of the house down by the road. Then about twenty feet further east was the wagon track leading to the barn. At first they all looked astonished at me; but I continued to talk:

"I want it there because we shall generally be going to the depot when we go to the front gate and it will be handy to have it there. We will go down and stake it out."

We all went down, for it seemed a little strange to them. But I did not stake it out—I just marked it on the rails with my spade. Then I said to my wife and my girl:

"You see it will be very easy to make a path up to the front porch from this gate.

It won't be a straight one to be sure; but it will bend around the east side of this first tree and then curve around the other side of the next one and then crook next to the flower bed you have been at work on, and so reach the front steps."

And my wife, she saw there was some method in such a proposition, and fell at once to the purpose I had in view—and my girl, too. It was the beginning of laying out our front yard, without saying so.

We didn't know we could get what we wanted at the little store down to the depot, in the way of nails, paint, hinges, and such things until after we got started for the city again. But while we were waiting for the cars, we inquired about things, until I judge the storekeeper thought we were a nuisance. But I made it all right, by telling him to send up some of these things the first chance he got and by paying for them at once. This pleased him a-sight, and his long face became much shorter before we left.

How we did talk on our way back in the cars! It would have done you good to have been where you could have heard the words from our overflowing hearts! This visit to our own little cottage, on our own farm, just filled us full of happy thoughts. The sun never shone brighter and we were anticipating very great things—our horizon certainly abounded in a rose-colored glory. We felt that the bow of promise was in our skies, and all clouds were at a discount.

(To be continued next week.)

CALENDAR OF GEMS.

JULY.

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CHAPTER XIV.

ROUTINE OF WORK-DAILY.

Poultry are early risers. How early it is a little difficult to tell unless you are yourself accustomed to rise at dawn, which in summer is among the very early hours. He who would keep a stock of poultry must begin his day's work with the morning's earliest rays of light, if he seeks the best returns for his labor. No eight hours or ten hours for the day's work for him.

As soon as it is light enough to work, the first thing to be done is to thoroughly cleanse the drinking vessels and fill with pure water. Pure water is the greatest necessity of poultry. It is the greatest source of health for the feathered tribe and it must be as free as possible from all stagnation and filth.

The next work is to visit every food trough on the grounds and see that no stale food is lying around. If any is discovered, gather it up; clean the feeding boards thoroughly. Use judgment as to the disposal of the refuse food—if you have hogs it may go into the swill barrel; it may be burned; or, having removed it from the yards, it may swell the manure pile, The poultry should not have it.

Then prepare the food, just as you wish to feed it. All this before the doors are opened for the flock. When all things are ready, move the slide and allow them to come out. Before they have the food let them drink, if they choose to do so, and then place the food in the troughs and permit them to help themselves.

Describing the work thus in detail, it would seem that considerable time has elapsed; but with an ordinary flock this should be done so that the doors may be opened as soon as it is fairly light. If not, the flock will become restless and quarrelsome, especially if it consists of a breed which is naturally impatient of confinement in close quarters. They will also become noisy, and the delay will interfere with egg production.

As soon as the house is empty—you do not wish to drive the flock out—take your bucket filled with dry dust or sifted coal ashes, enter the house and spread or sprinkle a thin coating under the roosts on the droppings. This is the sweetener, the deoderizer, the absorbent, the laborsaver, the health insurance.

While the flock is eating examine the nests. See that they are clean and in order, that the material is not scratched to pieces, that the nest eggs are plainly visible, that everything about them is inviting. This is not a long job: generally a glance is all that is necessary, only occasionally a touch will be needed to place everything in the best condition.

Let no morning pass without examining the roosts. See that they are firm in their places, and that there is no danger of their falling when loaded with the flock. See that they are free from insects and use Kerosene on them, if you have the slightest suspicion of insects. Especially use it on the underside of the roosts, for vermin frequently crowd there and are usually overlooked.

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One of the poultry houses should be cleaned each day. If you have but one, that is the one; if you have more than six, clean two each day; you need not fear doing too much in this direction. Take into the house your wheelbarrow, rake, shovel and broom and do the work thoroughly and well.

After cleaning the house, carry the droppings and the sweepings to the box or barrel in which they are kept, which should be under cover and properly protected. Then cover the floor with a very thin coating of dry dust or coal ashes. The reason of this is given in a previous paragraph.

Take a general survey of the premises. See that the fences are all right; for it is remarkable how soon a loose picket, or a small break, will be discovered by some member of the flock, and then all are away. The gates must be looked after, their hinges and fastenings, and how they swing; keep them right. The locks also must be found in order and none missing.

At certain seasons it is quite important that either yard, shed or house should have considerable litter. Leaves or broken straw are as good as anything for this purpose. It should be kept in a suitable condition by the fork and the rake. It should be loosened up, the droppings separated from it, and it should be exposed so that it will be dry. This litter is a great factor in the happiness, the industry, the contentment of the flock. If in the shed, and in winter, even a foot in depth is none too much.

Fresh water should be given several times every day. Stale water, such as comes from most fountains invented by poultry keepers to save labor, is an injury. Fresh water from the well, or spring, or running stream, is the imperative need. This should be done at stated times—a

One of the poultry houses should be regular portion of the daily work, that it caned each day. If you have but one, may not be neglected.

Next provide each day a little fresh earth for the flock. This may be done by spading up a small strip across each yard. Even if it should not be more than a foot in width this fresh earth thrown up will do much good.

As the noon feed, a little cracked corn, wheat, oats or other grain may be scattered in the yard, or among the litter, or wherever it is convenient. For grown poultry it should be a very small feed; in most cases it would be better to feed nothing at noon, but a little will keep the spirit of industry in the flock, and this promotes health and renders the eggs more fertile. Young chicks, however, should be fed and watered quite frequently during the day. The oftener they are attended to in this respect the faster they will grow. They can eat but little at a time, and if they eat often they will thrive.

If you observe any of the flock moping about, attend to them at once; separate them from the flock; carry them to the hospital—the asylum for the afflicted—which should be a yard devoted to this purpose. If the sickness is not serious cure the patient; but if of a serious character, which you fear may invade your whole flock, put an end to the chicken at once and bury it deeply, wholly out of sight.

Attend also to the broody hens. If you want to set any, pick out those which will make the best sitters and best protect the chicks after they are hatched. All the others "break up" by the kindest treatment and set to work again for the egg basket.

Before dark and just before the flock begins to gather for their evening meal, visit the nests once more and gather the eggs. Then feed the evening ration of whole grain and they will retire generally at once to their nightly shelter.

If you have any food which you wish to feed in a cooked condition, prepare it now for to-morrow morning. Most of us make arrangements with our city or village friends for scraps of various kinds, and these often ened some preparation to make a goood morning meal for the flock. This should not be left for the morning; but it is best done the day before.

After the poultry have all settled comfortably upon their roosts, visit the nests again. If any of the hens are becoming broody you will most likely find them on the nests, If you wish to use them as sitters let them remain; if you do not, then lift them gently and place them on the roosts.

See that all is in order; the small doors for the poultry closed and secured to keep out vermin. Close and carefully lock the poultry house and consider the day's work ended.

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We are glad of this. Almost alone we called attention to the outrageous work of the pensioning disgrace, sure that it would become a plea for the farmers' heaviest taxation. It has not only become this;

but it is now threatening the integrity of our country financially and morally. It is the greatest swindle ever known in the civilized world—a demogogical bribe to a host of demoralized voters. It has become a burlesque on patriotism, a pretence for fleecing the farmer by tariffs which hundreds of millions will scarcely satisfy.

We are pleased that it is so generally becoming known, and that intelligent writers in all parties and independent of parties speak out on the subject.

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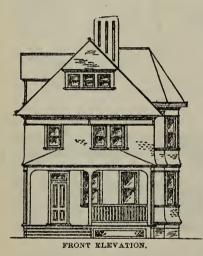
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which is an open grate for burning coal.

The parlor is immediately adjoining the reception hall, at the front of the house, separated only by an archway hung with heavy portieres, which may be thrown back, making the parlor and reception hall, as it were, one room when desired. The dining room is immediately back of the parlor, separated from the latter likewise by portieres. Both parlor and dining room are provided with open grates and wood mantels in keeping with the finish of the rooms.



The kitchen is at the rear of the house adjoining the dining room. The passage from the kitchen to the dining room is through the pantry, which is placed in the extension at the rear of both, with suitable china closet and storeroom conveniently placed.

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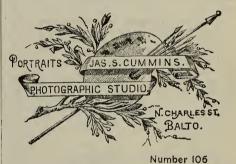
In the second story are three good sized chambers, with closets for each; a bathroom and one small bedroom, which can be used as a dressing room for the front chamber if desired. In the attic is one room finished, the balance is left for storage loft. The cellar extends under the entire building.

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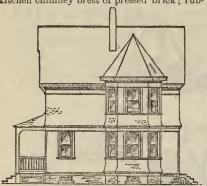
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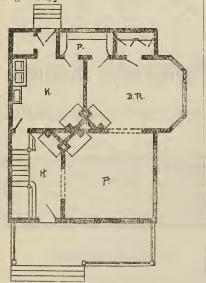
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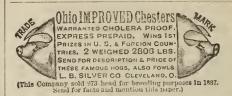
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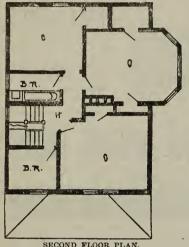
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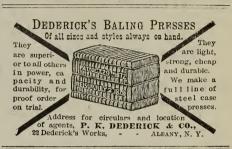


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Much excitement of a sensational kind has been roused in the breasts of the fair sex of Vienna relative to the magnificent and truly imperial trousseau got up by the chief Austrian and Hungarian firms for the approaching nuptials of her imperial highness the Archduchess Marie Valerie, youngest daughter of the emperor and empress of Austria. The excitement reached its culminating point on the intelligence being echoed abroad that the Vienna public would be admitted to a suite of apartments in the Hofburg (the imperial residence) to inspect the trousseau on a certain day between certain hours in the latter half of the week.

The fact of so much magnificence and finery about to be exposed to the vulgar gaze was, in anticipation, regarded as a rare treat which many a fair one would willingly and heroically have sacrificed not a little to behold. Five saloons in the "Radetzky Apartments" of the Hofburg were set apart for the exhibition, and the rich assortment of marvels of the toilet and of domestic economy generally were certainly set off to no mean advantage, the display surpassing-and that is saying a great deal—the most sanguine expectations of the severest lady critics. Household linen was on view in profusion, while articles of underclothing were in texture and style all that possibly could be desired.

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This is by no means the first time that the jewelers and silversmiths of Vienna and Buda-Pesth have won laurels at shows of this kind, and on the present occasion enough cannot be said in praise of the artistic ingenuity and the originality of conception characterizing the diadems, the "colliers," the bracelets and the rings. Equal praise is due to the manufacturers of the linen and the makers of the lace, while some portions of the needlework, embroidery, stitching and the like, in the chasteness of its design and finish, were, to use the words of a lady admirer in the crowd, "irresistibly lovely." — Vienna Cor. Galignani Messenger.

A Snake in Her Bonnet.

Tuesday evening about 8 o'clock the neighbors of Mrs. Kate Lynchbar were much alarmed to hear a succession of shrieks issue from that lady's residence and ran instantly to her assistance. They met Mrs. Lynchbar, who is a widow, as she rushed from the house holding her hands to her head, but it was some time before she could calm herself sufficiently to tell them what was the matter. Her story was that having an engagement to go to church she had gone into a spare room for her bonnet, which, on coming home from morning service, she had put temporarily on a table in the room.

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She picked up the bonnet, noticing that it seemed unusually heavy, but put it on her head, or tried to, for she was prevented from doing so by the presence of some body in it too large to permit her head to enter. Before she could snatch it off, however, whatever it was

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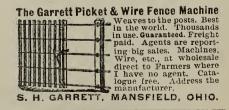
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struck her on the head, she said, and frightened out of her wits she tore off the bonnet and what she declared she knew by the feel of its slimy body to be a snake. Though believing the lady was mistaken in the thing that had been in her bonnet her neighbors proceeded to thoroughly search the room and finally discovered a small puff adder behind a

dressing case.

The creature showed fight, but the numbers being unequal it was at last dispatched. There being on the island no snakes of that kind, which is extremely venomous, the only explanation of its presence is that it must have been brought from Mexico in one of the fruit schooners plying between there and this place, and probably was concealed in a bunch of bananas Mrs. Lynchbar had that day purchased. Her hair prevented the blow the snake gave her from inflicting a wound, which in all likelihood would have proved a serious matter.-Galveston Cor. Philadelphia Times.

A Novel Bathing Costume.

The latest device in bathing costumes comes from the other side, where it was made for an English woman who has already worn one similar to it during a season at that kaleidoscopic seaside resort, Trouville. It is made of black satin—the heavy, glossy quality that comes with a linen back. The bodice is laid over a tight fitting lining of jean, which is enough support to the figure to enable the wearer to dispense with the stiff corset which many bathers con-

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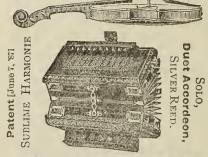
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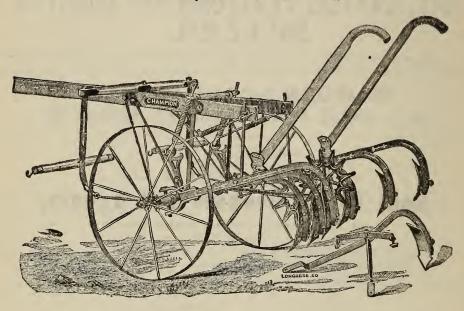
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